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In re Application of Nicholas Leventis et al.			
Application Number 10/643,578-Conf. #3949		Filed August 18, 2003	
For METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR PREPARING SILICA AEROGELS			
Art Unit 1796		Examiner J. M. Cooney	

Applicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

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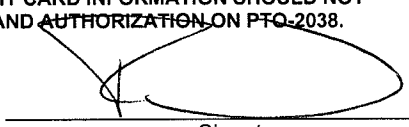
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See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

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